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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: MPOS US UN SF WA  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE - INFORMING OTHERS -  
ZAMBIA

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CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN FOR LOCAL  
CONTACT GROUP IN BRIEFING SWAPO AND GRZ, HAS ASKED OUR  
ASSISTANCE IN TRANSMITTING MESSAGE GIVEN BELOW. HIGH COMMIS-  
SIONER ASKS THAT OTTAWA PASS TO CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR  
FRANCIS, U.N. OPERATIONS DIVISION; CAPE TOWN PASS TO CANADIAN  
EMBASSY, USUN TO PASS TO CANADIAN MISSION AND LONDON PASS TO  
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION. WE ARE SENDING MESSAGE TO OTHER  
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ADDRESSEES FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY.  
CANADIAN MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE:  
SYB/SUB NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE -INFORMING OTHERS -  
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ACTING FM MILNER SUPPORTED BY MIN OF STATE AND FIVE

OFFICILAS WAS BRIEFED JUNE 8. ZAMBIAN POSITION OF MAINTAINING ITS QUOTE BLESSING UNQUOTE ON CONTACT GROUP'S ACTIVITY EMERGED INTACT. HOWEVER, MILNER POSED SERIES OF PENETRATING QUESTIONS IN WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE ONE AND HALF HOUR EXPOSE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION IN NAMIBIAN FOCUS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOME CYNICISM AND SCEPTICISM UNDERLAY THIS. DETAILS BY FOLLOWING TEL.

2. ONLY URGENT QUESTION RAISED WAS WHETHER BRIEFING BY CPTWN CONTACT GROUP THEMSELVES WOULD BE POSSIBLE. THIS FOLLOWED ON MILNER'S NOTING THAT IN OUR PREVIOUS BRIEFING (INCLUDING PIECE OF PAPER) THERE HAD BEEN NO/NO INDICATION THAT WE HAD ENGAGED SOUTH AFRICANS IN TALK ABOUT ARM SALES, ETC. IN THIS CONTEXT HE WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEE MINUTES OF CPTWN DISCUSSIONS. I REPLIED (A) THAT I WAS NOT/NOT AWARE THAT ANY ONE OF CONTACT GROUP HAD ENGAGED IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH RSA GOVT ON SUCH MATTERS: FOCUS OF GROUP'S WORK WAS ON NAMIBIA AND ITS OBJECTIVE WAS TO ACT AS CATALYST AND TO ATTEMPT, IN WHATEVER TIME REMAINED TO US ALL, TO DRAW SOUTH AFRICA TOWARD REQUIREMENTS OF RESLN 385; (B) THAT SO FAR AS I KNEW THERE WERE NO/NO VERBATIM MINUTES OF CPTWN TALKS PAST OR PRESENT BEYOND THE SUMMARY DISTILLATION OF POINTS AGREED OR UNDERSTOOD WHICH EMERGE FROM DISCUSSIONS THERE. MILNER REITERATED HIS QUESTION AS A SERIOUS ONE VIZ, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SEE MINUTES OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS. I SIMPLY SAID I WOULD PASS ON HIS QUESTION.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS  
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ABOUT INVOLVING CPTWN CONTACT GROUP IN DIRECT BRIEFING EXERCISES IN AFRICAN CAPITALS AND WITH SWAPO. GROUP WOULD COME UNDER VERY SEVERE PRESSURE TO FILL IN DETAILS OF BRIEFINGS OR SUMMARY PAPERS. THERE SEEMS OBVIOUS VALUE OF 5/5 IN LSAKA ETC. IN SERVING AS BUFFER. SECOND CONSIDERATION FOR NOT/NOT FOLLOWING MILNER'S SUGGESTION IS WHETHER IT IS DESIRABLE TO MAKE USE OF CPTWN CONTACT GROUP AS TRAVELLING CIRCUIS. APART FROM OPTICS OF MATTER AND ABORTIVENESS (SO FAR) OF OTHER EXERCISES OF THAT NATURE, SUCH DIRECT VISITATIONS COULD HEIGHTEN IMPRESSION THAT WESTERN 5/5 ARE NEGOTIATING.  
MOORE. UNQUOTE

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